

Charles Darwin University

International Counselling Guide 2026



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I love CDU! The faculty staff cheer you on with every step. The cherry on top is that we get a 300-hour placement opportunity in an Australian company. Not all universities in Australia offer this, so it is an amazing learning opportunity for any student.”

Rafat, Master of Professional Accounting
(Professional Practice)

Rafat graduated from CDU with a Master of Professional Accounting (Professional Practice) and is now employed with KPMG Australia, one of the world's top professional services firms. She benefited from having peers to study with, senior students to guide her and the faculty and library staff to assist her with research.



You make CDU

CDU is a top-ranking Australian university with above-average graduate starting salaries and employment outcomes. Our local employer connections, integrated work placements and on-the-job-training opportunities provide students with an outstanding return on their study investment.

Our small class sizes, active student groups and personalised academic and career support create a strong sense of community, giving students the study skills and social connections to succeed and feel at home, sooner.

Whether you choose to study in Darwin, Alice Springs or Sydney, CDU's centrally located campuses offer an unforgettable and uniquely Australian experience.



CDU graduates earn 5% more and are **6% more likely to get a job** compared to other university graduates in Australia, representing excellent return on your study investment.*



CDU academics are among the Stanford **top 2% of researchers worldwide** in their field. As a research-intensive university, CDU produces world-class research with real-world impact.^



CDU is a **top 100 Young University globally**, delivering a high-quality and highly personalised experience.#



CDU ranks in the **top 100 worldwide** for universities delivering on UN Sustainability Development Goals.*

* Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024

^CDU and Menzies School of Health Research academics named in the distinguished Stanford University and Elsevier World's Top 2% Scientists list.

CDU ranked 76th in the Times Higher Education Young University Ranking 2024. The ranking lists the world's best universities that are 50 years old or younger from around the globe.

+ Global social and economic impact measures are based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.



Acknowledgement of Country

Charles Darwin University acknowledges and respects the many Australian First Nations traditional custodians of the lands upon which our campuses and centres are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Larrakia who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Education and Community Precinct, Casuarina, Waterfront, and Palmerston campuses and centres are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Arrernte who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Alice Springs campus is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Jawoyn, Wardaman and Dagomon who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Katherine campuses are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Gadigal who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Sydney campus is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Turrbal and Yuggera who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Brisbane centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Warumungu who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Tennant Creek centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Yolngu who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Nhulunbuy centre is located.

We also acknowledge and pay our respect to the Mirrar (Jabiru), the Kungarakana and Warrai (Batchelor and Adelaide River), the Anindilyakwa (Groote Eylandt) and the Tiwi (Tiwi Islands) people.

We acknowledge Australian First Nations peoples' long tradition of sustaining their communities and environments over thousands of years. They are the first educators and first innovators.

They are the holders of knowledge that makes an important contribution to the improvement of our local, national and global communities.

We extend our respect to Elders - past, present and emerging - and to all First Nations people.



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Welcome to Charles Darwin University



Welcome to Charles Darwin University, where your journey of discovery and connection begins.

At CDU, we offer you an exceptional university experience with teaching delivered by world-class academics and comprehensive student support structures designed to ensure your success. Whether you choose to study in Australia's vibrant tropical north at our Darwin campus, in the heart of Australia at our Alice Springs campus, or in the dynamic metropolis of Sydney, you'll be joining a diverse community where your background and culture are truly valued.

You'll become part of a network of students from over 70 countries, each bringing unique perspectives that enrich our learning environment and strengthen our global community.

Global impact

At CDU, we are proud of our long-standing relationships and expanding global network of over 100 partner institutions. Our international partnerships, built on shared goals and mutual respect, reflect our commitment to making a meaningful difference. Initiatives like our life-changing work with Maiti Nepal demonstrate CDU's dedication to empowering individuals and communities through education that creates lasting impact.

We are particularly proud of our position as the 76th-ranked young university globally in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2024, recognising our excellence among universities under 50 years old worldwide.

Your future starts here

When you choose CDU, you become part of a university that values your unique perspective and is committed to helping you build your future.

You'll find exceptional opportunities in cutting-edge research, hands-on training, and enriching learning experiences that connect you directly to industry. CDU is recognised as a leader for graduate employment outcomes according to The Good Universities Guide 2024.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community and supporting you on your academic journey.

Warm regards,

Professor Scott Bowman AO

Vice-Chancellor and President
Charles Darwin University

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I always thank the people of CDU from the bottom of my heart for what they have offered me and for making me who I am now. I haven't seen other universities doing this type of program to help courageous and talented international students find opportunities to study in Australia.”

Yuvraj Pokhrel, Master of Business Administration

Yuvraj Pokhrel and Madhu Regmi, two students from Nepal, who have been supported by the human rights organisation Maiti Nepal since their childhood, were fully funded by CDU to embark on their higher education journey. Graduating with a Master of Business Administration, they have found their confidence in personal development and aspire to further Maiti's mission of combating human trafficking and child exploitation, both in Nepal and internationally.

Founded in 1993, Maiti Nepal is a non-profit organisation dedicated to protecting and empowering Nepali women and children affected by domestic violence, trafficking, and exploitation. Through rescue, rehabilitation, education, and legal advocacy, it has transformed thousands of lives. In 30 years, the organisation has rescued over 3,600 women and girls, supported 36,000 survivors, secured 1,800 convictions, facilitated 2,700 job placements, and provided 1,450 educational opportunities.

Since March 2023, CDU has partnered with Maiti Nepal to help build brighter futures for trafficking survivors and orphaned children. Alongside scholarships for the two students, CDU has supported vocational training and education programs in Nepal and abroad. The CDU Maiti Nepal Fund also raises funds to contribute to the organisation's life-changing work.



Madhu Regmi (left) and Yuvraj Pokhrel (right).



Learn more: cdu.edu.au/alumni-giving/giving/support-cdus-maiti-nepal-fund

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CDU has provided tremendous support to our community, empowering many Nepali women and children to improve their lives through education. The full scholarship I received was a golden opportunity to strengthen my academic knowledge, develop professional skills, and change my life. Studying and now working in Darwin enables me to give back to Maiti Nepal and support Nepali victims of human trafficking by connecting them with CDU and other Australian organisations.”

Madhu Regmi, Master of Business Administration




Study locations

Darwin | Alice Springs | Sydney

CDU has more than 22,000 students, including 4,000 international students, from over 70 countries. This sets the scene for a truly inclusive and multicultural study, career and lifestyle experience. Our Darwin, Alice Springs and Sydney campuses are centrally located offering restaurants, transport, shopping and entertainment options on your doorstep, and ideal study locations for every student.

Legend

-  Darwin-based campuses
-  Alice Springs campus
-  Sydney campus
-  Students from over 70 countries and territories worldwide study at CDU.



Convenience

With campuses in and around Darwin, Sydney, and Alice Springs providing easy access to many services and amenities that cater to every lifestyle, you will be perfectly placed to explore some of Australia's most iconic destinations—like Uluru-Kata Tjuta, Kakadu, and Litchfield National Parks, the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge, plus stunning local beaches just minutes away.

Community

Wherever you choose to study, you'll be part of the CDU family. Across our campuses, students benefit from convenient, affordable accommodation options, excellent transport links, and a wide range of student activities and support services – all designed to help you settle in and feel at home from day one.

Culture

Whether you're in Darwin, Sydney, or Alice Springs, experience unforgettable Australian culture—from ancient Indigenous rock art, wartime history and Australia's pioneering spirit in the Top End and Red Centre, to Sydney's vibrant arts, music and gallery scene.

Connections close to home

Darwin and Sydney enjoy flight connections to major Australian cities and are ideally placed for both local and international travel. Darwin, as Australia's gateway to the world, offers shorter travel times to Asia, a warm climate, and a rich blend of cultures, making it a vibrant and convenient study destination with strong regional ties. Meanwhile, Sydney offers world-class education in a globally connected city with links to Asia, Europe and beyond—perfect for staying connected to home while exploring international opportunities.

An aerial photograph of Darwin City, Australia, taken at sunset. The city is built on a peninsula, with the ocean to the west and south. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The city features a mix of modern buildings, green spaces, and a large harbor area with several piers and boats.

Darwin City - Australia's best-kept secret

Enjoy the convenience of Darwin's tropical city living, close to beaches and national parks. Just a four-hour flight to Singapore, Darwin is Australia's gateway to Asia and the world. You will find so many reasons to feel at home and fall in love with Darwin.

Multicultural – Almost one-quarter of the Darwin population speaks a language other than English at home. Enjoy the many multicultural community groups, markets and international festivals.

Close to home – Darwin is the gateway to Asia, with a 4.5 hour flight to Singapore and a 2.5 hour flight to Bali.

A relaxed lifestyle – Wide-open spaces, tropical vibes, good public transport and little traffic, plus a free student shuttle bus service between key Darwin locations.

Young population – A median age of 32 with a population of 143,000.

Tropical weather – As Australia's only tropical capital city Darwin's weather is similar to neighbouring countries.

Nature – Surrounded by world-class national parks, including Kakadu, Nitmiluk and Litchfield, experience stunning Australian wildlife and outback adventures.

Indigenous culture – Where 30% of the population is Indigenous and nearly 4,000 Indigenous students study each year, there are many opportunities to experience and celebrate the rich local culture.

History – The Northern Territory tells a unique story of ancient art and culture, wartime heroics and pioneering resilience.



I chose Darwin because of its tropical climate. It is quite peaceful and not as busy as larger cities. The residents here are friendly and always willing to help each other."

Cong Do Le (Peter), Master of Data Science



Darwin City Campus - Education and Community Precinct | Northern Territory

Explore the new Education and Community Precinct, named Danala, in the heart of Darwin city. Danala, the local Indigenous name for a dillybag, represents a place to house knowledge. Purpose built for international students, CDU's Darwin city campus offers world-class facilities, collaborative spaces and direct links to industry and research.

Located centrally and surrounded by shops, cafés and transport, this world-class campus blends academic excellence with vibrant community life. Whether you're studying business, education, Indigenous knowledge or the arts, you'll thrive in a supportive, inclusive environment with diverse student groups and easy access to social and employment opportunities.



You will enjoy:

- CDU Library and Midpul Art Gallery
- Student lounges and foyers
- State-of-the-art high-tech learning facilities
- Kitchenette
- Basketball courts, events and activities
- Computer labs and modern study areas
- In-person student and IT support
- Career advice
- Multi-faith room
- Counsellors
- Restaurants, cafés, entertainment and transport nearby



Learn more about studying in Darwin
cdu.edu.au/international/study-darwin

Darwin - Casuarina Campus | Northern Territory

Located just a 15-minute drive from the heart of Darwin, Casuarina campus offers an unforgettable study experience in Australia's tropical north. Set in lush green gardens, this vibrant campus blends natural beauty with world-class learning facilities. Close to the beach and minutes from Casuarina Square, Darwin's largest shopping and entertainment hub, the campus is well-connected by affordable transport and scenic bike paths to the city and suburbs.

Casuarina campus is home to cutting-edge laboratories for science, engineering, health, nursing, environmental studies and more, along with a modern library and convenient on-campus accommodation. Whether you're studying or relaxing between classes, everything you need is right at your fingertips.



You will enjoy:

- > Nearby shopping, cafés and dining venues
- > Student accommodation and lounges
- > State-of-the-art learning facilities and laboratories
- > Clinical simulation suite
- > Library, bookshop and IT Kiosk
- > Sports facilities and undercover basketball courts
- > ATM services
- > Free onsite parking
- > Transport, including on-campus bus stop and dedicated student shuttle bus
- > Bike lock-up and shower area
- > Multi-faith and parent rooms
- > The Confucius Institute
- > Chinese and Indonesian gardens



Darwin - Palmerston Campus | Northern Territory

Palmerston campus offers a unique blend of natural beauty and modern convenience—nestled in lush tropical bushland, a short walk from Palmerston city centre and only 20 minutes' drive from Darwin city centre. A picturesque lake at the heart of the campus attracts native birdlife, creating a peaceful and inspiring learning environment. Specialising in TAFE training, the campus is home to a team of industry-leading educators in cooking, baking, tourism, hospitality, events, hair, beauty and retail—equipping students with hands-on skills and real-world experience in thriving industries that offer local employment opportunities.

You will enjoy:

- > State-of-the-art training facilities
- > Cafés and nearby shopping
- > Student lounges
- > Library
- > Transport services, including a bus stop and bike racks
- > Free onsite parking



Alice Springs Campus | Northern Territory

Alice Springs campus offers an unparalleled study and cultural experience in the heart of Australia's Red Centre. Students from diverse backgrounds come together to learn, explore and grow, enjoying modern facilities, including an extensive training kitchen, bakery and bar, and a commercial training restaurant, all supported by experienced kitchen management and hospitality staff. Alice Springs itself offers affordable living, a close-knit community, and access to a rich cultural heritage, surrounded by stunning landscapes and iconic landmarks like Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Studying in Alice Springs offers a rare opportunity to experience Australia's natural beauty while pursuing your early career goals.

Employment opportunities – With a thriving tourism industry, hotels, resorts and restaurants, Alice Springs is ideal for kitchen management and hospitality students.

Nature – Surrounded by natural wonders, including Uluru, Kings Canyon, the MacDonnell Ranges and the Larapinta Trail, you can experience stunning Australian wildlife and outback adventures.

Diversity – With a culturally diverse population, Alice Springs is the second largest city in the Northern Territory.

Accessible – The town centre is easy to navigate and connected via public buses, walking paths and bike paths.

You will enjoy:

- > Cafés
- > Library
- > IT service kiosk
- > Transport services, including a bus stop
- > Student accommodation and lounges



Learn more about studying in Alice Springs
cdu.edu.au/international/study-alice-springs



Sydney Campus - Australia's unofficial capital

Study in the very heart of Australia's thriving business hub in Haymarket, Sydney, across from Central Station. This prime location immerses you in the pulse of a dynamic city while you pursue studies in areas like information technology, business, accounting, and nursing, complete with postgraduate level study and guaranteed placement opportunities.

Join a diverse, global student community and learn from world-class scholars in small, personalised class settings unique to CDU. The combination of a central location, expert faculty, and hands-on learning makes CDU's Sydney campus the perfect launchpad for your career in one of the world's most exciting cities.

Famous – World-renowned for its fabulous harbour, the Sydney Opera House, beaches and friendly locals, Sydney is a city bursting with life.

Dynamic – Sydney always has plenty of things to do, no matter the season. It's the perfect place for students to study.

Safe – Sydney is ranked the fifth safest city in the world (World Population Review 2024).



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CDU Sydney campus is an amazing place to study, offering a great view of the vibrant and multicultural lifestyle of Sydney. The campus's stunning scenery provides a perfect location for leisure activities.”

Rohan Chetry, Master of Data Science

You will enjoy:

- Nearby cafés and dining venues
- Student lounges and study areas
- Library
- Clinical simulation suite
- Kitchenette
- IT service kiosk
- Transport services, including buses, trains and light rail
- Multi-faith room
- Modern computer labs



Learn more about studying in Sydney
cdu.edu.au/international/study-sydney



Accommodation options

On-campus accommodation

Living on campus allows you to get involved in campus life and meet new people from across Australia and all over the world. Just unpack your bags and make the space your own.

CDU Village Casuarina

Lush tropical gardens, Casuarina beach and student events make CDU Village Casuarina a great place to live and study. Rooms are semi-furnished with Wi-Fi, an outdoor swimming pool, games room, BBQ area, bicycles and a complimentary shuttle bus to key locations around Darwin. Short-term and long-term options are available.



Learn more about CDU Village Casuarina

cdu.edu.au/locations/casuarina-campus/casuarina-accommodation





Alice Springs Student Accommodation (ASSA)

ASSA accommodates students, staff, and visiting guests and groups. Twin-share and sole occupancy rooms are semi-furnished with access to communal kitchen areas, a self-service laundry and Wi-Fi. Stay for a couple of nights, a week, or longer.



Learn more about ASSA

cdu.edu.au/locations/alice-springs-campus/alice-springs-accommodation



Off-campus accommodation

UniLodge – Casuarina, Darwin

Living off campus gives you the flexibility to live how and where it suits you. UniLodge Darwin student accommodation is a convenient option for students studying at Casuarina. It neighbours Casuarina Square shopping centre and is only a 10-minute walk from Casuarina campus.



Private off-campus accommodation in Darwin, Alice Springs and Sydney

Private accommodation providers include Homestay, realestate.com.au, domain.com.au and Facebook Marketplaces in each location. It is important to note that these organisations are external to CDU and the University cannot take responsibility for the information provided by such organisations. The CDU accommodation website contains information about off-campus housing choices, renters' rights and laws relating to renting and accommodation in Australia, and general tenancy advice.



Learn more about accommodation

cdu.edu.au/accommodation-services



How much does it cost to live in Australia?

The Department of Home Affairs has financial requirements you must meet to receive a student visa for Australia, which makes knowing the average living costs in Australia an important part of your financial preparation. The cost of living in Australia varies from city to city, and students should not expect to fund their studies or living costs in Australia through part-time employment only. You can find approximate expenses according to the city and lifestyle on the Australian Government website costofliving.studyaustralia.gov.au.

Fees and payments

During your studies, you will need to purchase textbooks and other items required to study. Textbooks can vary from \$200 to \$500 per semester, depending on your course. Other expenses might include stationery, printing, purchasing a laptop or computer, protective clothing, work materials, working with children clearances and computing programs. These will depend on your course.



Learn more about fees and payments

cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply/international-fees-and-payments

School-aged dependents

If you are bringing school-aged dependents to Australia, you will need to consider the cost of schooling. In Australia, children are required to be in school from six years of age.



Northern Territory Information

nt.gov.au/learning/international-education/study-at-an-nt-government-school/school-fees-for-international-students



New South Wales Information

deinternational.nsw.edu.au/study-options/fees



Estimated weekly living expenses

The table below indicates Darwin and Sydney's estimated living expenses per week:

	Darwin	Alice Springs	Sydney
Groceries and eating out	\$100 to \$300	\$100 to \$300	\$100 to \$300
Basic (gas, electricity, water, garbage)	\$69 to \$100	\$25 to \$125	\$46 to \$150
Phone and internet	\$15 to \$30	\$15 to \$30	\$15 to \$30
Public transport	\$7 for 10 trips, each of which gives you unlimited bus travel for 3 hours	\$22	\$30 to \$55
Car (after purchase) including petrol and maintenance	\$150 to \$260	\$150 to \$260	\$150 to \$260
Entertainment	\$80 to \$150	\$80 to \$150	\$80 to \$150
On-campus accommodation	Rent varies depending on room choices, with all utility bills included. Standard room is \$240 while a large room with ensuite is \$295.	Rent varies depending on room choices and length of stay. A long-term sole occupancy (28 consecutive nights or more) costs \$150 per week.	Not applicable
Off-campus accommodation	Rent for a studio at Unilodge is \$310, and a shared room is \$255 - \$284. \$500 to \$750 for a private one-bedroom apartment in the city centre.	\$150 to \$210 in a shared rental. \$340 to \$1,300 for a private one-bedroom apartment in the city centre.	\$250 to \$400 in a shared rental. \$700 to \$1,050 for a private one-bedroom apartment in the city centre.

Average amounts for one person living in the city centre. Use this website for more information: numbeo.com/cost-of-living

Subject to change. Correct at the time of print.

What can I study at CDU?

With so many courses on offer, you can gain the qualifications you need at any level, to pursue your dream career. Choose from business, technology, health, arts and more. Visit cdu.edu.au/study to find out where your preferred course is offered and apply to study at a top Australian university.



#1 for undergraduate learner engagement in computing and IT. ^



#5 for humanities and social services graduate salaries. ^



#1 for psychology employment outcomes. ^



#7 for postgraduate health student support. ^



#2 for business and management course support. ^



#8 for humanitarian, emergency and disaster management undergraduate employment outcomes. ^



#2 for engineering and technology employment outcomes. ^



93% of CDU's Australian undergraduate teaching students find employment. *



#2 for creative arts starting salaries. ^



#3 for agriculture and environmental studies starting salaries. ^



91% of CDU's social work graduates find full-time employment four months after completing their course. ^

^ According to the Good University Guide, 2025. Rankings of Australian universities.

* According to the 2023 Graduate Outcomes Survey of Australian universities.



Higher education courses

CDU has fantastic undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities across a broad range of study areas. As a leading Australian university for postgraduate employment outcomes, we will support you to secure the future you dream of.



**Learn about CDU Undergraduate
and Postgraduate courses**

cdu.edu.au/study

Arts and Society

CDU's Faculty of Arts and Society empowers students to lead with purpose and passion. Through innovative teaching, impactful research, strong communities and industry partnerships, we champion social justice and global change. We bring people, places, and ideas to life — nurturing curiosity, creativity, and a collective drive to build a more equitable and inclusive world, especially for vulnerable communities. Most arts and society courses are delivered in the new Education and Community Precinct in the heart of Darwin City.

Accounting

Future-proof your career with an accounting degree from CDU. Study in an interactive and supportive learning environment and choose from a range of degrees.



cdu.edu.au/study/accounting

Business

Whether you are just starting your career or taking the next step, studying a business course at CDU can help you secure your pathway to success. Tailor your studies to match your goals, with options to complete courses in management, marketing, economics or human resources.



cdu.edu.au/study/business

Creative Industries and Innovation

To enhance your learning experience, our courses provide you with invaluable opportunities to engage with a vibrant arts community. You will nurture techniques through workshops, studio and practice-based learning environments, guest speakers, events and seminars, open forums, performances and student and professional exhibitions.



cdu.edu.au/study/creative-arts-design

Education

Study teaching with us and make an impact as an educator. Graduate with a nationally accredited education degree which lets you teach anywhere in Australia. Choose from courses in early childhood, primary, secondary and adult education to suit your goals.



cdu.edu.au/study/education

Humanities and Social Sciences

Study a humanities and social science course with subjects in philosophy, sociology and social science, culture, politics, public policy, history, Indigenous perspectives, war and more.



cdu.edu.au/study/humanities-social-sciences

Indigenous Futures

Explore subjects in Indigenous engagement, governance and policy, culture and community, languages, land and resources, research and more.



cdu.edu.au/study/indigenous-knowledges

Law

Do you want to be a lawyer or work in a range of industries that require legal expertise? With our law degrees, you will learn about politics, policy, government, business and private legal practice with an opportunity to train in our Moot Court.

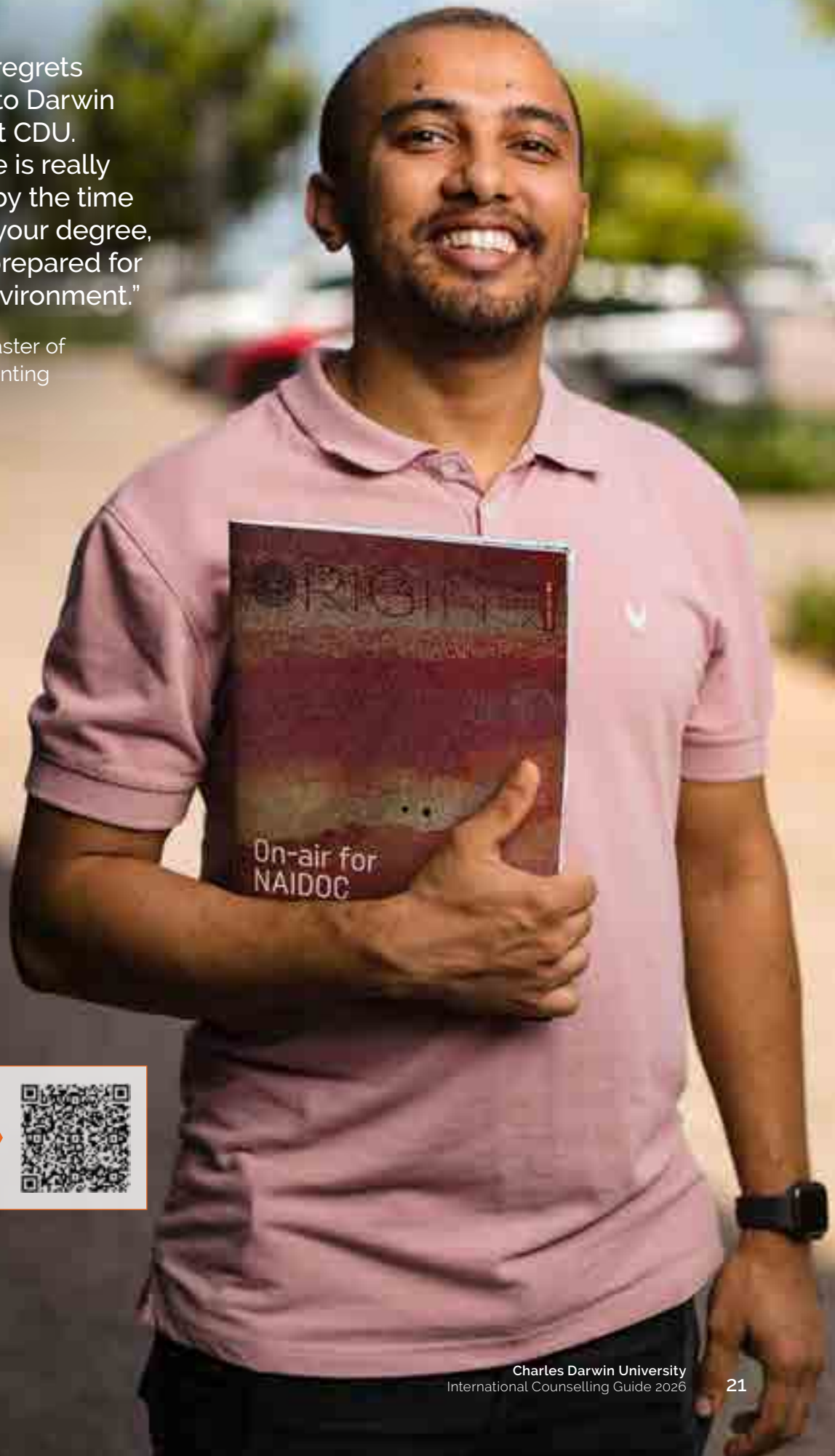


cdu.edu.au/study/law-legal-studies

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You'll have no regrets about coming to Darwin and studying at CDU. The experience is really enriching and by the time you complete your degree, you'll be well prepared for the working environment.”

Nagendra, CDU Master of Professional Accounting



Scan here to read
Nagendra's story



Health

For students who are passionate about making a real difference in health and wellbeing, CDU's Faculty of Health is your gateway to a rewarding future. We lead with purpose, delivering world-class education and research that addresses some of the most pressing health challenges—chronic conditions, mental health, and care in rural, remote, and First Nations communities.

Allied Health Sciences

Specialise in one of Australia's fastest-growing employment sectors. Study nutrition, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and more. Complete a specialist Bachelor's/Master's double degree in just four years instead of five.



cdu.edu.au/study/allied-health-sciences

Community Services and Social Work

Build knowledge and experience to assess the social needs of individuals, families and groups; empower people to develop skills and resources to resolve problems; and further human wellbeing, human rights, social justice and social development.



cdu.edu.au/study/community-social-work

Exercise and Sport Science

Interested in working with elite athletes, improving the health of your community, or helping people recover from an injury? Study exercise and sport science and gain the skills and knowledge to forge a career changing lives for a happier, healthier future.



cdu.edu.au/study/exercise-sport-science

Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience

Learn how to approach disaster, emergency, and community risks holistically to work in emergency management, become an aid worker or do disaster relief work. Complete scenario training, be taught by industry experts and complete placements at leading aid agencies, non-government organisations and government departments.



cdu.edu.au/study/humanitarian-emergency-disaster-management

Nursing and Midwifery

Do you have a passion for helping others? Study a nationally recognised nursing or midwifery degree with us and you could be delivering care in local or remote communities and hospitals, assisting with global humanitarian relief, or providing evidence-based care for women and babies.



cdu.edu.au/study/nursing-midwifery

Paramedicine

Become a paramedic and make a difference to peoples' lives. Learn from experienced lecturers, gain hands-on experience and benefit from work-integrated learning placements to become a job-ready paramedic.



cdu.edu.au/health/paramedicine

Psychology

Passionate about making a positive impact on the lives of others? Study a nationally accredited psychology course to gain the skills and knowledge to help people overcome mental health challenges.



cdu.edu.au/study/psychology

Public Health

Study Public Health in partnership with the Menzies School of Health Research for a career in health promotion, policy-making, research, or disease prevention. Degrees are developed and delivered by industry leaders and help shape a better future for Indigenous, local and global health settings.



cdu.edu.au/study/public-health

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The student community and CDU staff welcomed me with open arms, creating such a positive experience. CDU graduates also have the best career and employment prospects.”

Hema, Nursing

Scan here to read
Hema's story



Science and Technology

Be inspired by the spirit of Charles Darwin and join us to ask bold questions—at a time when science and technology have never been more vital to shaping our world. CDU's Faculty of Science and Technology can help you tackle the greatest challenges of our time. From environmental sustainability and renewable energy to agriculture, technology, and resource management. Our programs are flexible, future-focused, and grounded in real-world impact.

You'll learn from leading researchers who are advancing knowledge and mentoring the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers. Our industry-accredited courses ensure you graduate career-ready, equipped to thrive in an ever-changing global landscape. Join a community where your curiosity is fuelled, your skills are sharpened, and your future is forged.

Engineering

Explore internationally accredited Engineering degrees specialising in mechanical, civil and structural, or electrical and electronics engineering. Graduate with real work experience and participate in projects across biomedical engineering, renewable energy, sustainability, 3D printing, robotics and mechatronics.



cdu.edu.au/study/engineering

Information Technology and Network Engineering

Forge an IT career in network security, data analytics, web design and development, application development, information systems or systems development. We offer courses in data science, cyber security, network and software engineering.



cdu.edu.au/study/computing-information-technology-network-engineering

Science, Environmental Science and Management

Explore biology, environmental science, spatial science, chemistry or biochemistry with an environmental science or science degree. You will take part in exciting in-field intensives and get hands-on practical and laboratory experience.



cdu.edu.au/study/science-environment



A full-page photograph of a man, Sanjaya Paneru, smiling and holding a tablet. He is wearing a white polo shirt and a watch. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting. A large quote is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Choosing CDU is the best decision of my life, and it has given me all the opportunities that an international student looks for.”

Sanjaya, Master of Information Technology (Cyber Security)

Sanjaya Paneru, a graduate of the Master of Information Technology, found his confidence and unlocked opportunities through CDU's English language classes, networking and community involvement.



Higher degree by research

CDU is home to world-renowned researchers delivering innovative and high-impact research. Our deep connections take us out on country and into communities to ensure we are tackling real-world problems with real-world solutions. We are committed to providing cutting edge research that transforms communities and industries. Our research attracts global recognition in areas including tropical and desert knowledges, human health and wellbeing, Indigenous knowledges, social and public policy, and engineering, energy and resources. Through collaboration and knowledge exchange, we strive to create research that makes a lasting, positive impact for communities locally, nationally and globally.

CDU supervisors for higher degree by research are from Faculty of Arts and Society, Faculty of Health, Faculty of Science and Technology and/or the following research centres and institutes:

- Centre for Creative Futures
- Energy and Resources Institute
- First Nations Sovereignty and Diplomacy Centre
- Menzies School of Health Research
- Molly Wardaguga Research Institute for First Nations Birth Rights
- North Australian Centre for Autonomous Systems
- Northern Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub
- Northern Institute
- Northern Territory Centre for Cyber Security
- Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods
- Research Institute for Northern Agriculture



Learn more about higher degree by research

cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply/higher-degree-research



CDU academics are among the Stanford top 2% of researchers worldwide in their field

As a research-intensive university, CDU produces world-class research with real-world impact.[^]



CDU is a top 300 university globally for research and impact

CDU ranked 3rd in Australia for its commitment to inclusive and equitable quality education, 42nd globally in the area of Gender Equality and 55th globally in Good Health and Wellbeing.*



Be supported by state-of-the-art laboratories and facilities

Our purpose-built research facilities feature advanced technologies, empowering students to explore real-world challenges, develop innovative solutions, and drive meaningful impact across industries and communities. CDU is home to the Nanofibers Laboratory and a suite of cutting-edge equipment, such as the scanning electron microscope and X-ray diffractometers. As the first of their kind in the Northern Territory, they contribute to regionally and globally recognised research initiatives.



Develop essential research skills in critical thinking, analysis and communication

Learn from expert researchers to gain world-class research skills and execute your own independent research project.

*Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024

[^] Distinguished Stanford University and Elsevier World's Top 2% Scientists list 2023

Study a Master by Research

A Master by Research can allow you to deep dive into a topic that ignites your curiosity. The flexible program empowers you to design and execute your own independent research project over two years fulltime, or part-time equivalent), guided by our expert supervisors. You will graduate with a thesis or creative work that makes a genuine contribution to your field.

Study a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Make new discoveries, change the way things are done and make an impact on the world. A Doctor of Philosophy allows you to research your area of interest and achieve the highest level of university qualification in Australia making you an expert in your chosen field. Study and conduct a novel program of research over four years (full-time, or part-time equivalent), under supervision of two or more supervisors, culminating in a thesis or creative work.



TAFE training packages

CDU TAFE is the leading provider of Technical and Further Education (TAFE) and training in the Northern Territory, helping students acquire globally applicable skills and experience. TAFE courses can set you up for practical employment opportunities, a fulfilling hands-on career, qualify you for entry into CDU Bachelor's degrees and in some cases course credit.

Bakery

Gain skills to produce professional-quality baked goods, including breads, cakes, pastries, and biscuits. Training packages emphasise workplace safety, quality control, bakery production or business management skills to help you become a skilled baker or hospitality and business manager.

Beauty Services

CDU's beauty services and beauty therapy training produce future leaders of the beauty industry, covering essential beauty treatments, facials, waxing, and nail care, including professional use of industry-standard products in CDU's state-of-the-art training salons.

Cookery and Kitchen Management

Be prepared for hands-on and supervisory roles in commercial kitchens, including at restaurants, convention centres and hotels. Undertake practical training in CDU's Training Restaurants, focusing on menu planning, kitchen operations, and team leadership.

Hairdressing and Barbering

Internationally recognised hairdressing and barbering courses tailored for international students, provide comprehensive training in cutting, colouring, styling, and chemical treatments. Barbering techniques include cutting, shaving, and styling.

Hospitality

Our hospitality and business courses help you develop advanced skills in managing hospitality operations. Learn about financial management, marketing, and human resources, preparing you for operational and leadership positions in the industry.



Learn about CDU TAFE courses and packages

[cdu.edu.au/international/
international-tafe-packages](https://cdu.edu.au/international/international-tafe-packages)

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I recommend CDU Alice Springs to future students. The way the lecturers teach is very detailed and understandable and the facility has the equipment to run as a commercial kitchen so I learn a lot of new things.

Alice Springs has many job opportunities so I can practice the things I learn in the real working environment. Right now I am working as a hotel Chef in a restaurant in Alice Springs. I really enjoy the work because I can prove the skills that I learn at CDU are real working solutions for my job.”

Vo Hoang Anh Nguyen, Certificate IV of Commercial Cookery, Alice Springs



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After research and asking friends and family, Charles Darwin University was most recommended. I can confidently say CDU was the right choice and 'beyond expectations'. I am proud of how far I have come and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

The course is comprehensive and meets industry standards. Chefs Mark, Shane and Hayley are always available for one-on-one advice, offering constructive feedback to help us improve. Under their guidance, I have learned not only the art of cooking but also the importance of creativity, precision, and teamwork.”

Cristiana Tran, Diploma of Hospitality Management, Palmerston (Darwin)

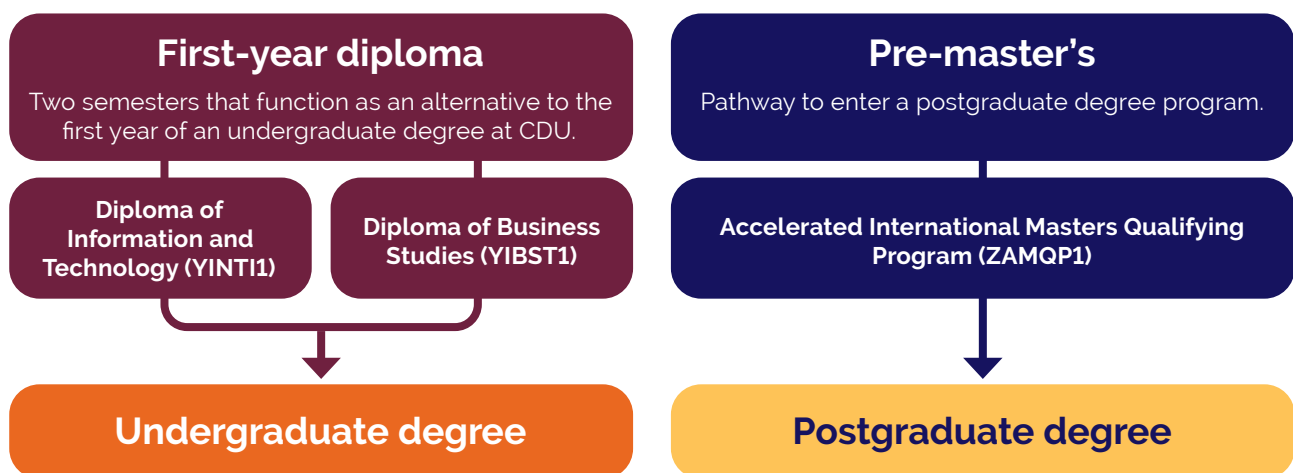




CDU International College

CDU International College (CDUIC), an UP Education institution, offers a variety of pathway programs designed to assist you towards your Higher Education journey in Australia and get the most out of your studies.

In partnership with CDU, CDUIC ensures you are integrated into the CDU student life from your very first day. Through exposure to rigorous academic standards, modern facilities and comprehensive student support, you will be well placed to achieve your academic and professional goals. Programs are available in several categories:



Course fees

- > Diploma of Information and Technology (YINTI1): \$34,274
- > Diploma of Business Studies (YIBST1): \$31,214
- > Accelerated International Masters Qualifying Program (ZAMQP1): \$15,901

Scholarships



Commencing students from China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia, Laos, Taiwan, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, and Japan.



Commencing students from the rest of the world.



CDU International College offers a 15% scholarship for high academic performers.

Specialised language development, a well-rounded curriculum and small classes provide the support for students to thrive.



Learn more about the CDU International College

cdu.edu.au/international/charles-darwin-university-international-college



Learning abroad opportunities

Learning abroad expands your worldview and enhances your skills and employment prospects by showcasing your ability to adapt to different environments.

We welcome students from all over the world who wish to study in Australia for a short time. Whether you are interested in a semester-long exchange program, a research-based internship or a summer intensive program, we have something for you!

Inbound learning abroad programs we offer include:

Student exchange

Experience life in Top End Australia by joining CDU for one or two semesters while paying tuition fees to your home university. Immerse yourself in CDU's vibrant campus culture, unique learning environment and Australia's diverse natural beauty.

Study abroad

If you dream of studying abroad but your university is not on our partner list, you can still arrange a study abroad package. This program enables you to earn credits toward your degree while experiencing Australian study opportunities.

Internships

Our research-based internship offers hands-on experience alongside experts from our globally recognised research institutes, centres, and labs. It is perfect for students to expand their academic and professional networks.

International summer intensives

The summer intensive program is designed to be transformative during winter or summer breaks. Engage in our unique thematic study programs, which combine academic learning, outdoor exploration, and community involvement.

On-country immersive program

This purpose-built program helps international students, professionals, and government representatives build respectful and productive relationships with Indigenous Australians, gaining cultural insights that promote inclusive learning and collaboration.

Cultural and intensive English study tour

Tailored for groups, this immersive tour blends language learning with Australian cultural exploration for maximum impact.



Learn more about learning abroad opportunities

cdu.edu.au/international/learning-abroad/inbound-australia

Applying to study at CDU

How to apply

Follow our simple 8-step process to apply to study as an international student with CDU.



1. Choose your course:
cdu.edu.au/study



2. Check the entry requirements and application dates



3. Apply online or through a registered CDU Education agent



4. Application assessment



5. Receive an offer



7. Apply for your student visa



8. Enrol

Advanced standing

Advanced standing is a credit applied to your current course of study based on prior achievement. It can either be a credit transfer or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). To apply for advanced standing, you must first complete an application to study with CDU. For more details about advanced standing, email international@cdu.edu.au



For more information, please visit our website: cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply





Key application and semester dates

Higher education and International College course application dates

	Semester 1, 2026	Semester 2, 2026	Semester 3, 2026
Last date to submit offshore applications	23 January 2026	12 June 2026	9 October 2026
Last date to submit onshore applications	20 February 2026	10 July 2026	6 November 2026
Teaching commences	2 March 2026	20 July 2026	16 November 2026
Census date	20 March 2026	7 August 2026	4 December 2026

TAFE course application dates

	Term 1, 2026	Term 3, 2026
Last date to submit offshore applications	1 November 2025	5 June 2026
Last date to submit onshore applications	1 January 2026	3 July 2026
Orientation and teaching commences	2 February 2026	13 July 2026
Census date	11 March 2026	24 July 2026



Dates are accurate as at time of print, however, are subject to change.

Please check cdu.edu.au/current-students/student-admin/important-dates.

*Terms and conditions apply.

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements

You must meet the minimum academic entry requirements as part of your application.



Find a complete list of requirements

cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply/entry-requirements

ELICOS	You must meet the academic requirements of the primary degree program and the required English proficiency level. For EAP 3, students need an IELTS score of 5.5 overall, with no band lower than 5.0, or an equivalent result. For EAP 4, the requirement is an IELTS score of 6.0 overall, with no band lower than 5.5, or equivalent.
TAFE certificate programs	You will need a qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 10 High School Certificate.
TAFE diploma programs	You will need a qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 12 High School Certificate.
CDU International College first-year diplomas	You will need to achieve successful completion of the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (or equivalent) and the awarding of an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of at least 50.*
Undergraduate	You will need a qualification deemed equivalent to an Australian Year 12 High School Certificate by the University's qualification assessment references. You may also be required to satisfy specific course requirements, such as a minimum overall grade score or prerequisite knowledge. For a complete list of common equivalencies by country, please visit our website.
Pre-master's programs	Accelerated International Masters Qualifying Program (MQP): You must have completed three years of post-secondary study. Additional postgraduate entry requirements from pre-master's degree programs may be required.
Postgraduate coursework	You will need a qualification which is deemed equivalent to an Australian bachelor's degree. You may also be required to satisfy specific course requirements such as a minimum overall grade score, prerequisite knowledge or work experience. Course-specific entry requirements are listed under the course details.
Higher Degree by Research	<p>Master by Research (MRes)</p> <p>To be eligible for entry to an MRes you should have completed either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a bachelor degree with first-class or second-class honours; or 2. a master's degree by coursework or extended master, which contains a substantial research component. <p>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)</p> <p>To be eligible for entry to a PhD you should have completed either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a bachelor honours degree with first-class or second-class honours division; or 2. a master's qualification that contains a substantial research component.



English entry requirements

You must meet English entry requirements as part of your application. CDU accepts the following English tests for entry into the CDU International College, TAFE, and most undergraduate and postgraduate courses:

- CDU ELICOS (EAP 3 & 4)
- IELTS Academic including One Skill Retake
- Cambridge Advanced English (CAE)
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic module
- TOEFL Internet-based Test (iBT)
- Common European Framework Certificate of English Proficiency.

All tests are valid for two years from the test date to the date of commencement at CDU, unless otherwise specified. If you have studied English in your previous studies, you may meet the English language entry requirements if you have achieved the required grades and qualifications. However, some courses may require higher levels of English or only accept specific English language tests.

If you do not meet the entry requirements, there are alternative pathways through our partner institutions to assist you towards your Higher Education journey.



Find a complete list of requirements

cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply/entry-requirements



English for academic purposes

The Faculty of Arts and Society delivers English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses to international students who meet academic entry requirements for either their undergraduate or postgraduate courses, but do not yet meet the required English proficiency. The courses develop the academic English skills necessary for success in university study.

There are two levels of English for Academic Purposes – EAP3 and EAP 4 which can be taken separately, or together, depending on a student’s English entry level and their destination degree. Each EAP level requires full-time participation over 10 weeks with a 20-hour weekly class requirement.

EPA 3 (ZEAP30)

CRICOS code: 112342B

Location: Education and Community Precinct | Danala campus.

Outcome: Successful completion of EAP 3 meets the English language requirements for direct entry to eligible CDU undergraduate courses with an IELTS equivalent of 6.0 overall or provides a pathway to EAP 4.

EAP 4 (ZEAP40)

CRICOS code: 112343A

Location: Education and Community Precinct | Danala campus.

Outcome: Successful completion of EAP 4 meets the English language requirements for direct entry into eligible CDU undergraduate and postgraduate courses with an IELTS equivalent of 6.5 overall.

Important dates for EAP courses

	Intake 2025	Intake 1, 2026	Intake 2, 2026	Intake 1, 2027
Teaching commences	17 November 2025	16 March 2026	3 August 2026	16 November 2026
Finish date	6 February 2026	22 May 2026	9 October 2026	5 February 2027
Students who complete the course will be ready for	Semester 1 2026	Semester 2 2026	Semester 3 2026	Semester 1 2027



All dates are correct at the time of printing; however, they are subject to change. For more information on 2026 academic dates, please visit: cdu.edu.au/current-students/student-admin/important-dates

Studying EAP with us will benefit from small class sizes, personalised support from experienced specialist teachers, and a safe, inclusive learning environment.



Student support

As a CDU student, you will have access to a wide range of free services, including accommodation assistance, career advice, study support and personal support. Dedicated staff can help you develop your study plan and support you in progressing with your studies. You can also feel confident knowing that whatever your interests, you can find support and friendship through our many social, cultural and personal development programs.



Find out what's happening on campus and online
facebook.com/cdustudentlife/



Welcome and engagement support

Orientation

All onshore international students in Australia must attend sessions outlined in their campus Orientation program. It's a great way to meet and greet fellow students, academic staff and find information about life in your new city and study at CDU, including enrolment advice, student visa conditions and available support services. Campus tours and fun activities also help you get to know your new university and fellow students.



Learn more about starting at CDU

cdu.edu.au/current-students/new-to-cdu

CDU Buddy Program

Our Buddy Program helps new international students smoothly transition to life at CDU. Junior Buddies receive a personalised workshop and are paired with experienced Senior Buddies who provide support and guidance. Senior Buddies are also trained to mentor and assist with study, work, and social integration. After 5 years of success, the program fosters lasting connections and friendships, making it easier to feel supported and settle into the welcoming CDU community.

CDU Student Groups

Join a CDU student group and you can make lifelong social and professional connections. Also, connecting with others can provide friendship, support and a way of managing the stress of completing assignments and exams.

CDU Student Ambassador Program

Student Ambassadors work directly with the CDU Student Recruitment and Events team to contribute to the university community. They share the knowledge and experience they gained from studying at CDU with prospective students and are involved in various activities and events.



Learn more about this program

cdu.edu.au/current-students/life-wellbeing/student-ambassadors

Charles Darwin University Students' Council (CDUSC)

CDUSC is the voice of all CDU students and strives to promote and advance the rights, interests and welfare of CDU students. CDUSC represents all CDU students and provides the means for communication between students and the University.



Learn more about joining CDUSC

cdu.edu.au/current-students/life-wellbeing/cdu-student-council

Personal support

We offer a range of services to support you to feel included, feel safe, be resilient and thrive during your studies.



Learn more about personal support

cdu.edu.au/current-students/life-wellbeing

Visa Compliance Support

Our International Compliance team will help you manage your study obligations. You will have a student visa, issued by the Department of Home Affairs, for the duration of your course at CDU, allowing you to enter Australia to study. This document is facilitated by your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), which we manage. As an international student, you are required to make yourself aware of your visa compliance and study obligations, to ensure you do not breach your visa conditions.



Learn more about compliance at CDU

cdu.edu.au/international/international-student-information/student-visa-compliance

Free Airport Pick-Up

CDU offers a free airport pickup from Darwin International Airport to your accommodation during peak arrival periods in February and July.

Free Intercampus Bus

Our intercampus bus helps students in Darwin get to their classes more conveniently and safely throughout the day and night.



Learn more about the university bus timetable

cdu.edu.au/current-students/life-health-wellbeing/bus-service





Access and Inclusion

If you have a disability, medical or mental condition (permanent or temporary), our Access and Inclusion team can assist you with adjustments that enable equal access and participation in your studies and university life.

Student Counselling

We provide personal, confidential and free counselling services with qualified professional staff. You can book a session to discuss anything that may be affecting your wellbeing.

Wellbeing Support Line

We have a 24/7 support line available to provide you with immediate assistance for emotional and mental distress.

Respect. Now. Always

We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and respectful learning, working and living environment for all students, staff and visitors.

Security

Our campuses feature on-site security, the Safe Zone App, safety drills and regular opportunities to meet and learn from local authorities.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

OSHC is a compulsory requirement for all international students studying in Australia on a student visa. Our preferred OSHC provider is Allianz Global Assistance (AGA). They provide additional benefits to OSHC policyholders who purchase their policy through the University.

Learn more about AGA

allianzassistancehealth.com.au/en/student-visa-oshc

Allianz Care

We secure our students' future



We believe in prevention over cure, care over claims and making the complex simple for everyone.

Why choose Allianz Care Australia?



Access our extensive health network

If something happens you can rely on our national network of hundreds of direct billing medical providers.



Innovative health and wellbeing tools

Our range of apps and tools is designed to make life easier by providing 24/7 support, personal advice and more.



24/7 Emergency helpline

We are ready to help whenever you need us with our 24/7 emergency assistance service for members.



Allianz MyHealth App

Making it easy to submit a medical claim or access your policy documents at the touch of a button, anytime, anywhere.



On-campus support

Our caring and supportive on-campus team are committed to delivering best in class international health services to students.

Secure your future with Allianz Care Australia and purchase an Overseas Student Health Cover policy by contacting Charles Darwin University.



Allianz Care Australia Overseas Student Health Cover policies are authorised under a Deed entered into between Peoplecare Health Limited and the Australian Government through the Department of Health and Aged Care. Allianz Care Australia Overseas Student Health Cover is managed by AWP Australia Pty Ltd ABN 52 097 227 177 trading as Allianz Care Australia. Peoplecare Health Limited ABN 95 087 648 753, a private health insurer under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007 (Cth), is the underwriter of Allianz Care Australia Overseas Student Health Cover policies. The Allianz MyHealth App is only accessible to dependants over the age of 18 years old and OSHC single policyholders over the age of 16. Policy wording documents available at www.allianzcare.com.au/en/policy-wording-documents.

Academic support

You can access free, confidential learning support through a variety of services, which include online tutoring, Grammarly, an academic integrity module, online study skills resources, workshops and individual consultations. These services are created to support you with understanding the requirements of your assignments, language skills, academic writing, critical thinking, reading and all aspects of your study. Set yourself up for success by attending workshops and accessing these services.



Learn more about Language and Learning support

cdu.edu.au/library/language-and-learning-support

24/7 Online Tutoring

You will find plenty of help online with access to academic support. Online tutoring is available to students through your Learnline account for a range of subjects. Access is available to a free online tutor 24 hours, 7 days a week across more than 40 subjects, including Maths, Science, Social Studies, Business and English. You can also access our CDU Library online, which has lots of resources and support for you.

Peer Assisted Study Sessions

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) are useful if you want to improve your grades, meet other students and study your unit content in a relaxed, friendly and focused way. These study sessions are conducted by PASS leaders, who are current CDU students who have successfully completed the targeted unit and have been trained to run group study sessions.

Peer Mentoring

Peer mentoring is facilitated from the campus library by senior students who are available to assist you with navigating your first semester at CDU.

Study Skills Resources

Study skills are essential for your success. We want to help you develop your study skills and make the most of your time at CDU. We offer open access to academic resources and practical study help, which provides practice and sample annotated texts with downloadable PDF summaries.

Study Skills Workshops

We facilitate a series of workshops covering academic skills and topics to help you develop the skills you need to succeed at university. Workshops are in-person or online and offer you the opportunity to participate in learning activities and ask questions or receive feedback.

Individual Appointments

When you need help with any aspect of your English language skills, assignments, writing, presentations and other study skills, Language and Learning Support Advisors are available for individual consultations. Consultations are available online or in-person.

CDU Library Support

CDU Library has a specialist team of librarians to help with research and referencing for your study area. Use the modern facilities to study with your friends or on your own, and use computers, printers and online materials.



Learn about library services

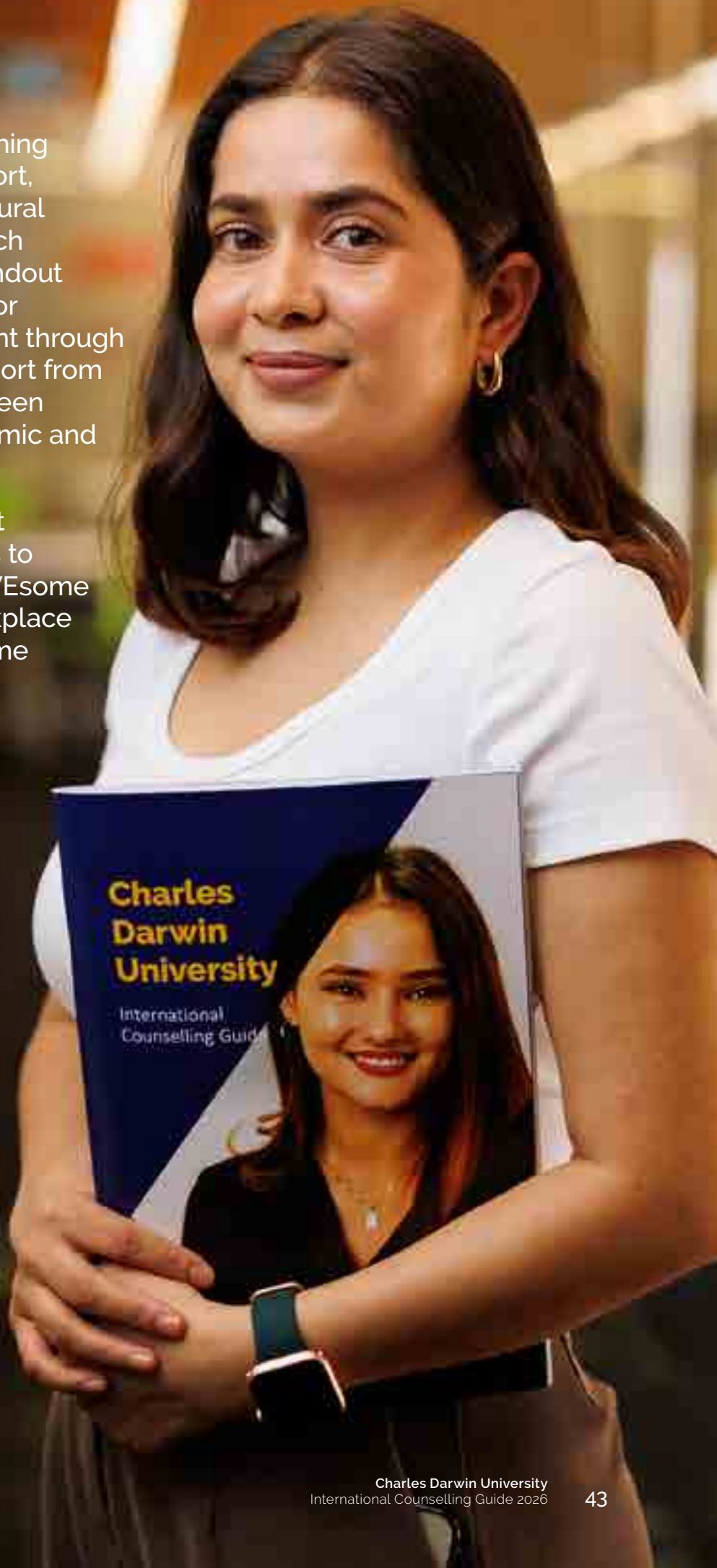
Email: askthelibrary@cdu.edu.au
cdu.edu.au/library

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CDU's reputation for teaching quality and student support, coupled with its multicultural environment and top-notch education, makes it a standout choice. The opportunity for practical skill development through placements and the support from staff and lecturers have been instrumental in my academic and personal growth.

The university offers great opportunities like Insights to Industry Program, the AWEsome program (Australian Workplace Experience), which gave me real-world working experience, and being part of the CDU Careers Center mentoring program was a game-changer for me. I highly recommend CDU for its supportive environment, fantastic programs and rewarding educational journey. “

Deepshikha, Master of Professional Accounting (Professional Practice)





Careers and employability support

Careers Team Support

The Careers Centre team is here to support you during your studies, to find work while studying, and to secure your dream career after you graduate. The team will provide expert advice and give you a competitive edge in the job market.

Services:

- Workshops
- Networking events
- Mentoring programs
- Experience programs
- A comprehensive self-help online resource
- Drop-in sessions for CV review and interview preparation
- Meet with the team for one-on-one appointments.

Volunteer to Kick-start your Career

Volunteering is a great way to use your skills, give back to your community and meet new people. There are many opportunities to volunteer your time and you can find opportunities for your early career development with the help of the Careers Centre team.



Learn more about CDU Careers Centre

cdu.edu.au/current-students/life-wellbeing/careers-centre

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Darwin is a vibrant, multi-cultural city with plenty of job opportunities. As a student it was my priority to choose a city that's a hub for skilled and qualified science teachers, especially for CDU graduates. CDU graduates are offered potential career and employment opportunities due to the unique relationship between CDU and the Northern Territory Government.”

Isha, Education

Scan here to read
Isha's story



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CDU's strong focus on practical, real-world skills in Cyber Security, drew me here. CDU's unique collaboration with the Northern Territory Government provides unparalleled opportunities for direct community involvement, aligning with my aspirations. The experience I've gained by taking on commitments and responsibilities, including volunteering and my part-time job, has been crucial in developing my multitasking skills and resilience preparing me for the professional world.”

Shiraz, Master of Information Technology
(Cyber Security)





Alumni support

Your connection with the University does not end with the completion of your qualification. After you graduate, we are here to support you throughout your career journey. Your knowledge, expertise and success can also be shared to develop others.

Once you graduate, you automatically become a member of our alumni cohort, joining a continually growing group of highly regarded professionals, knowledge brokers and change-makers. These are connections you can continue to foster for a lifetime.

Exclusive benefits to CDU Alumni include:

- **CDU Alumni account** – A CDU Alumni computer account is available to all graduates of Charles Darwin University. The account provides you with access to selected CDU online services through the CDU Portal upon your graduation (conferral).
- **Career Development** – Help identify your career goals and plan your career path with free support from the CDU Careers Centre, accessed from wherever you are through the CDU Portal.
- **Library Access** – Even after you finish studying with CDU, with an alumni account you will have access to a wide range of CDU Library's online resources, including a growing number of high-quality databases, e-journals and e-books. You will always be welcome to borrow physical materials from any of our campus libraries.
- **LinkedIn Learning** – Access over 15,000 courses, delivered in 7 languages. With free access to LinkedIn Learning, you can learn a wide range of new skills, anywhere and at any time. Learn a new language, how to build a website or app, become an expert user of Microsoft Office, learn how to play a musical instrument, or improve your leadership skills. The choices are endless.
- **Chinese language** – Master the most widely spoken language in the world with a 40% discount on courses offered by the CDU Confucius Institute.

You can also enjoy exclusive access to opportunities which make an impact to teaching and learning in your industry, develop and maintain rewarding personal and professional connections, contribute to leading research and knowledge development, and have a positive impact on future generations through the power of education.

CDU – Graduate industry ready



Find out more about CDU's Alumni Community

cdu.edu.au/alumni



Quality assurance

CDU adopts a quality assurance and enhancement strategy that reflects our recognition and understanding of our obligations to maintain quality practices, systems and processes that comply with the relevant standards and support diversity, innovation and excellence. See further information in the Educational Quality and Excellence Framework Policy.

As a dual-sector Australian Higher Education provider, CDU is regulated by – and our performance is regularly evaluated against – the following National Standards:

- Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021
- VET Quality Framework
- Australian Qualifications Framework 2013
- *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (ESOS Act)
- ELICOS Standards 2018
- National Standards for Foundation Programs.

Information about when enrolment may be deferred, suspended or cancelled is available in our International Student Policy policies.cdu.edu.au

Choose CDU

Top ranking university* – CDU is a leading Australian university for postgraduate employment outcomes.

Excellent Return on Investment (ROI) – High employment and graduate salary outcomes mean students who choose to study at CDU have an excellent ROI.

Personalised – With small class sizes, lecturers who know your name and personalised support and advice, you'll feel at home at CDU.

Supportive – You will receive dedicated support from academic staff and personal support staff, who will work with you throughout your studies to ensure your success.

Convenient – With campuses centrally located in Darwin and Sydney cities, you'll enjoy a convenient lifestyle.

Work-integrated learning – Many CDU postgraduate courses include professional placements where students can gain practical skills and develop competency and knowledge within their field.

A pathway for everyone – You can study pathway programs, TAFE courses, undergraduate, postgraduate and higher degrees by research. We have courses for all levels.

Leaders in research – Ranked among the top 2% in their field globally, CDU's researchers deliver world-class research with real-world impact. Plus, CDU ranks in the world's top 300 for impact based on UN Sustainable Development Goals**

*Good Universities Guide 2024.

**Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024.





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WeChat: **CDUofficial**

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